

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Fourth Hampden Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.*

### **Residents of Fourth Hampden Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (599) of these admissions reside in the Fourth Hampden Representative District. 4.2% (25) of admissions from the Fourth Hampden Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Fourth Hampden Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 76% were male and 24% were female.
- 53% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 86% were white non-Latino, 2% were black non-Latino, 10% were Latino, and 2% were other racial categories.
- 63% were never married, 14% were married, and 22% reported not to be married now.
- 27% had less than high school education, 48% completed high school, and 25% had more than high school education.
- 33% were employed.
- 9% were homeless.
- 33% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Fourth Hampden Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	59%	22%	6%	2%	4%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b>							
<b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002</b>							
<b>Fourth Hampden Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	566	500	191	121	177	68	46
<b>FY '96</b>	496	444	159	77	103	54	33
<b>FY '97</b>	564	511	188	103	96	61	36
<b>FY '98</b>	681	599	205	104	79	91	50
<b>FY '99</b>	544	465	165	83	79	88	47
<b>FY '00</b>	583	480	176	110	68	124	80
<b>FY '01</b>	551	462	151	99	94	149	90
<b>FY '02</b>	599	486	153	89	77	170	111